Damage of goods due to floods

3646. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that goods of exporters and importers stored at CWC/CFS, Kukatpally, Hyderabad were damaged due to floods on 23rd August, 2000;

(b) whether the CWC has collected insurance premium from these exporters and importers and paid to Oriental Insurance Company Limited; and

(c) whether CWC have not settled insurance claims of these importers and exporters and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The claims of the exporters and importers have not yet been settled. The claim for all these losses were lodged immediately with M/s Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. which appointed surveyors to assess the losses. All the required documents have been submitted to the insurance company except 'duty permission certificate' which is required to be submitted by the importers/exporters after obtaining the same from the customs authorities. The claims shall be paid to the parties after these are received from the insurance company.

Relief package for paddy growers of Haryana

3647. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre, as a part of the relief package, have provided Rs. 90 crore monetary compensation for the paddy growers of Haryana; and

(b) if so, what are the details of utilization of the relief package?